



Oklahoma Research

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Oklahoma – Indian Territory 1830's- 1907, the sooner state, a twin! Achieved statehood 16 November 1907 and became the 46th state. An overview of the census, vital, church, land and property and probate records. Brief review of American Indian research. Repositories

Original American Indian tribes of Oklahoma: Caddo, Pawnee, Wichita, Quapaw, Oto, and Osage. Forced migration brought the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, and Seminole) into Indian Territory, "Oklahoma" during the year's 1830's-1848. Over 65 other tribes from all over the country were relocated to Oklahoma.

For up to date information see the FamilySearch Research Wiki – Oklahoma

CULTURAL INFLUENCES

- American Indians original and those who came through forced migration
- Trading post developed and grew into commercial settlements
- Southern settlers (needed permission from the Tribes)
- Railroads: Santa Fe, Pacific, and Union Pacific
- Cattle drives 1866-1886 Texas to Kansas
- General Allotment Act 1887 land from Tribe to individual Indian
- Land Runs: 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893, and 1895
- Land Auctions / Lotteries: 1901, 1906

CENSUS RECORDS

Federal Censuses 1910-1940

Territorial Censuses

- 1860 part of Arkansas and Slave schedule
- 1890 and 1898 only parts of Cleveland County
- 1890 Union Civil War Veterans

- 1890 Cherokee Nation FHL film 1,666,296-300
- 1890 Chickasaw FHL book 970.3 C432rja (NARA 7RA 21 roll 1 & 2)

1907 Territorial – Pre statehood census Online at Ancestry

Indian Census Records

- Cherokee nation east, roll of 1835 FHL1666295 item 8
- 1851 old Settlers' annuity rolls FHL 970.3 c424cha
- Flint district Cherokee census and emigrant's 1852 FHL 1666295 item 9
- 1878 Annuity rolls of Chickasaw FHL 970.3 c432rj vol. 1-3
- 1880 the Cherokee nation census FHL 989204 also on line accessgenealogy.com
- 1885-1940: Fold3 / Ancestry/ Internet Archives. Only persons who maintained a formal affiliation with a tribe under Federal supervision are listed on these census rolls
 - There is not a census for every reservation or group of Indians for every year.

VITAL RECORDS

- State
- County

CHURCH RECORDS

Prominent religious groups: Baptist, Roman Catholic, Disciples of Christ and Methodist

LAND AND PROPERTY

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PROBATE RECORDS Prior to statehood, the records were kept by the U.S. district courts. Now kept by jurisdiction of the probate or county courts.

UNIQUE COLLECTIONS

- Pioneer papers FHL
- Doris duke oral history FHL

RESEARCHING AMERICAN INDIAN ANCESTRY

Work from the known to the unknown FamilySearch Research Wiki – American Indian

REPOSITORIES

Federal: National Archives at Fort Worth www.archives.gov/fort-worth

State

- Oklahoma Historical Society
- Oklahoma Department of Libraries
- Oklahoma State Archives and Records Administration
- University of Oklahoma Libraries

County

- County Clerk
- Genealogical and Historical Societies
- Libraries

FAMILYSEARCH FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH WIKI

- American Indian Genealogy
- State page
- Tribal page
- Agency page
- Record type page

PERIODICALS are published by genealogical or historical societies, they typically focus on the records of a particular county, while a few may specialize in records of a particular ethnic group or religion.

Information published in periodicals may include family histories, genealogies, historical background, maps, information about local records and archives, queries, census indexes, transcripts of family Bibles, church records, court records, cemetery records, land records, military records, obituaries, and wills.

Regional

Four States Genealogist. By Indian Nations Press (states of: AR, KN, MO, and OK) FHL 973 b2fs

The Chronicles of Oklahoma. By Oklahoma Historical Society FHL 976.6 b2c

Dusty Trails. By Genealogical Institute of Oklahoma FHL 976.6 b2

State

Oklahoma Genealogical Society Quarterly. (formerly the bulletin). By Oklahoma genealogical society FHL 976.6 b2q

The Texarkana U.S.A. Quarterly. By Texarkana Genealogical Society, Inc. FHL 976 d25t

The Tree Tracers. By southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society FHL 976.6 b2tr

Tulsa Annals. By Tulsa genealogical society. FHL 976.6 b2t